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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL. 7:00 P.M., Monday, October 26, 2015

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grove at 7:01 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present**- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan **Excused Absence**: Aldermen Ptak, Herndon, Schneider

A quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant permission to the LP High School Foundation to change its previously approved Tag Day Collection from April 16, 2016 to April 9, 2016 at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and Bucklin Streets and at area businesses. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to refer the request of Ibrahim Aburomi for a Zoning Change from R-1 to M-1 for premises located at 515 E. Route 6 to the Planning Commission. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for September 2015 showing total fees collected of \$1,953.50 with total value of construction of \$1,128,504. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for September 2015 showing total fees collected of \$6,542.73. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for July 2015 of \$85,609.48 and referendum approved sales tax of \$36,189.78 for a total of \$121,799.26. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Grove inquired as to the status of court proceedings with the Kaskaskia. Attorney McPhedran indicated that a pre-trial hearing is scheduled for November 13 and depending what happens then a further hearing will be on the December docket. Mayor Grove added that although he hopes recent plans featured in the News Tribune come to fruition, the City will continue to address violations through the

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court system. Alderman Duncan asked Chris Covert if the violations are being addressed by the owners. Mr. Covert stated that he has not had a lot of interaction with the representatives of the Kaskaskia, but permits have been pulled to remove and repair the garage roof. He had heard from the contractor that cooling units are being pulled off the roof of the hotel. They do have an accepted bid from Vissering to repair the roof on the garage. Mr. Convert confirmed that there is work going on. Mayor Grove added that the alley is blocked for safety reasons while work is taking place.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to take the necessary action to purchase property at 1135 La Harpe Street provided the sale price is not to exceed \$5,000.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Ptak, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 5-0** 

## An ordinance affirming the sale will be considered at the November 9, 2015 meeting .

Alderman Bacidore inquired as to the City's legal options in regard to bank owned properties and those that are condemned. He asked if we are required to tear down properties that the City acquires or is selling them at a low price to contractors or interested buyers with the stipulation that the property is remodeled and brought to code an option. Attorney McPhedran stated that there are all kinds of factors that play into these situations, so to give a generalized answer would not be prudent. He added that each situation would need to be considered on a case by case basis and that in all circumstances title would have to be secured. Mayor Grove said Alderman Bacidore asked good questions and if situations arise he should address them individually with Attorney McPhedran.

Chief Uranich indicated there was a vehicle parked on the north side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street near Bucklin Avenue. It was discovered that our ordinance only specifically mentions no parking on both sides of 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Joliet to Bucklin. He suggested we amend the ordinance to include no parking on both sides from Bucklin to Chartres due to the narrow width of the roadway and the amount of traffic. Alderman Bacidore announced that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will consider the issue at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Alderman Reynolds stated that he has received a number of calls concerning the amount of dust on the east end near Rockwell Road. In addition, he has received a complaint from Dr. Derango's about the amount of dust on the canopy outside of his office. Discussion followed and it was concluded that some of the dust could be from Illinois Cemen as far as the east end and the downtown dust may be from the truck route that runs near Dr. Derango's office. Mayor Grove stated that he will check with Illinois Cement to see if they can do anything.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2607:** An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 1515 Argyle Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Ptak, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None **Motion Carried 6-0** 

Ordinance 2607– An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 1515 Argyle Street. (Roger Frederick-\$3,100)

This ordinance will be re- affirmed at the November 9, 2015 meeting.

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Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2608**: An ordinance enacting and adopting an additional Supplement (S-4) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Ptak, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 5-0** 

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#### **COMMENTS**

Mayor Grove reminded residents that leaf pick-up is in full swing. Hometown Halloween is scheduled for October 31, 2015. Pictures will be taken at 10 a.m. at the News Tribune with the Halloween Parade commencing at 11 a.m. in the City parking lot at Second and Wright Streets. Downtown Trick- or- Treat to follow, with activities sponsored by the Ax Church in the City parking lot after downtown trick-or-treating. Trick- or -Treating throughout the City will take place from 5-7 p.m. that evening. The "Celebration of Lights" kick- off event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 4-7 p.m. at Rotary Park. Tickets will be given to children in attendance and one lucky child will be chosen to turn on the lights. Mayor Grove thanked all businesses, organizations and families who have supported the project by purchasing light displays.

Mr. Leonard Keenan, resident on Rockwell Road, stated that the dust is definitely cement dust and it is very difficult to wash off. He asked if there was some way they could water it down. Mayor Grove reminded residents that Illinois Cement will pay to have cars washed that are affected by the cement dust.

Demetrio Salazar questioned if this dust have ever been analyzed. Mayor Grove stated that he was comfortable because Illinois Cement has strict EPA guidelines that they must follow. Mr. Salazar wondered if they are monitoring how far this dust is traveling. In addition, Mr. Salazar thought the ideas brought up by Alderman Bacidore were worth investigating. The Mayor stated that we will look at each case individually.

Bob Thompson thanked the City representatives who attended the recent EPA public hearing regarding the Soil Cleanup Plan for the Mathiessen and Hegeler Zinc Site. He apologized for expressing his anger to his aldermen regarding the short notice of meeting . Mayor Grove indicated that the City was informed of the hearing the same time as the public.

Alderman Bacidore informed the council that City Clerk Brown submitted an article to the Illinois Municipal League magazine regarding the "Celebration of Lights" which was published in the November issue.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that bills submitted totaling \$626,576.38 (Total Payroll \$165,266.76, Bills to be Paid \$213,300, Total Bills Paid \$248,009.62) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Ptak, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 5-0** 

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:32 p.m.

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Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk